## Proclamation No. 2025-03
## Career and Technical Education Month

**WHEREAS**, the month of February is designated Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month® by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

**WHEREAS**, CTE offers students the opportunity to gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary for true career readiness; and

**WHEREAS**, students in CTE programs participate in authentic, meaningful experiences that improve the quality of their education and increase their engagement and achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, CTE provides students with career exploration opportunities early in their educational experience, which enables them to make informed and beneficial decisions about their academic coursework and pursue established programs of study and career pathways; and

**WHEREAS**, leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to addressing the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with careers in critical and growing CTE-related fields; and

**WHEREAS**, CTE programs in Transylvania County provide hands-on learning experiences in fields such as business, hospitality, technology, and skilled trades, preparing students for both college and career pathways and leading to the attainment of industry-recognized credentials; and

**WHEREAS**, CTE programs ensure that employers have access to a qualified and thriving workforce, ensuring our nation is a strong and competitive economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Maureen Copelof, Mayor of Brevard, do hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2025 as Career and Technical Education Month in the City of Brevard, and urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the CTE programs in our community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual skills and productivity.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brevard to be affixed on this 3rd day of February, 2025.

Maureen Copelof
Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Hodsdon
Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk

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CORPORATE SEAL